

In the disclosure:

Please change the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 21, as follows:

-- The above and other objects, features and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a consideration of the subsequent detailed description presented in connection with accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 Fig. 1A is the signal constellation for QPSK modulation;

Fig. 1B is another representation of the signal constellation for QPSK modulation;

Fig. 2 is a block diagram/flow diagram of components of a digital communication system according to the present invention, showing the use of a four-dimensional signal constellation; and

Fig. 3 is a representation of the four-dimensional signal constellation used in the digital communication for which some elements are shown in Fig. 2.--